

The Piper Report

USS Piper (SS409) 1944 - 1967



June 2007



USS Piper (SS409)

Keel laid by Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery Maine, 15 March 1944; launched 26 June 1944; commissioned 23 August 1944; decommissioned 16 June 1967.

Balao class; Length 311' 8"; Beam 27' 3"; Speed 20.25 knots surface, 8.75 knots submerged; Test depth 400 feet; Displacement 1526 tons (surface); 2401 tons (submerged); 21 inch torpedo tubes: 6 fwd, 4 aft; Propulsion: twin screw, diesel electric drive (Fairbanks Morse engines) with Guppy (snorkel) conversion in 1951. Design Complement: 6 officers, 60 enlisted men.

Although built late in World War II, Piper completed 3 successful war patrols in the Pacific, winning four battle stars before the end of hostilities. She was responsible for sinking more than 6000 tons of Japanese shipping.

After the war, Piper operated out of the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton Connecticut until her decommissioning in 1967.

Underwater Heroes

By Ryan Smith

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Submariners recall days at sea

"Between the sanity of the 'civilian type' world and the salt of the Old Sailor's Home there lies a breed of men called Submariners." — from the USS Halfbeak's statement of purpose, Feb. 4, 1971

U.S. Navy veterans John Clarkin and Hal Tubbs are both part of that select company familiar with life and service aboard a submarine. Clarkin, now 83, served during World War II with the crew of the USS Piper, which completed various missions in the war's Pacific theater.

Tubbs, 57, served stateside during the Vietnam War era aboard both the USS Narwhal nuclear submarine, as it was first commissioned, and the USS Halfbeak. As part of its Memorial Day weekend coverage, the Tribune recently brought both men together for a conversation about their service.

Going below

Clarkin said he joined the Navy in June of 1941 at the age of 17. After serving on a destroyer ship charged with delivering supplies to England prior to the United States' entry into the war and serving in Africa, he volunteered for submarine service in 1944.

"Next stop, I'm out in Pearl Harbor. I didn't see the states (again) until the war was over."

The Piper was directed to complete three missions during Clarkin's service. The first, he said, was a "wolf pack" duty where the sub served as a lifeguard for Allied ships that had been shot down in Japan and prevented Japanese forces from



World War II vet John Clarkin talks in his home about his time spent on the USS Piper in the Pacific Ocean, including the time the submarine was ordered to dive down as far as it could go, for as long as it could stay down. Later he found out it was because an atomic bomb was being dropped on Nagasaki.

sending supplies to Iwo Jima. That was a 65-day-long patrol, he said.

Following that mission was a trip to Japan's northern "polar region," joined by a Navy photographer, with the objective of scouting the area as a possible point for an Allied invasion. Action there, said Clarkin, included fog-covered skirmishes with enemy ships and the sub accidentally hitting a whale.

The third mission Clarkin was involved in found the sub's crew stationed in the mine fields of Japan's Yellow Sea. He was assigned look-out duty, and one evening the sub was rocked by a near-miss enemy charge. "I got hit bad" by the force, he said. "They said I almost went overboard. ... I got out of look-out duty, anyway," before being put back into commission the next day.

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Commander's Column

31 May 2007

Shipmates:

As you read this, we are only about ten weeks away from our third triennial U.S.S. Piper (SS409) Clambake and Reunion. To date, we have heard from 27 shipmates, but I am hoping that as a result of this, the final mailing you will receive before the August 17th reunion weekend, that those of you who have been procrastinating or waiting to get closer because of other reasons will now send in your registration forms. If cash flow is an issue (as it has been for me), send in half now, and you can settle up at the registration table when you arrive. We have to make firm payment commitments to caterers and suppliers, so we need the attendance numbers. The absolute deadline for registrations is 1 August, but if you can do so sooner, it will be a great help. Decisions still need to be made based on projected attendance that is dependent on your responses.

If any of you have any ideas to make the event better than the last two, please let me know. Hell, I brought all sorts of rec gear the last two times, but it seems like the most rewarding activities are eating, drinking, and shooting the bull—and there's nothing the matter with that since we see one another so rarely. This will be the last Piper Report until after the event, so if I don't see you in August have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Frank

USS Piper (SS409) Reunion August 17-19, 2007 List of those planning to attend

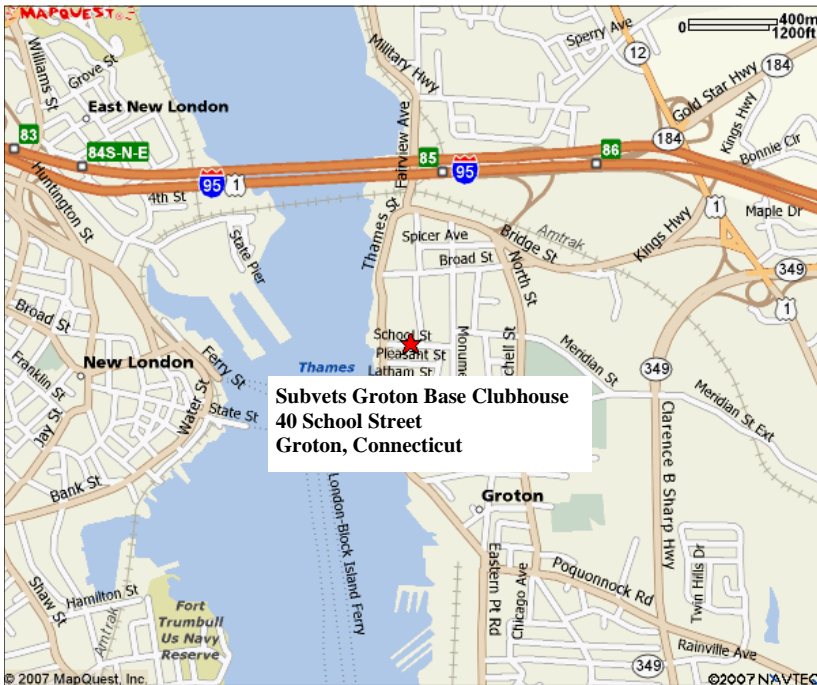
<u>Shipmate</u>	<u>Guest</u>
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Mike Bray	Bernadette
Terry Welsh	Ann
Jerry Holland	
Noah Monsour	Dolores
Mike Hubbard	Fran
Richard Collins	
William Bailey	
James King	Mary
Ed Cushman	Wife
John Clarkin	Anita
Bill Cotter	
Ross Morrison	
Howard Clark	Mitze
Larry Boutelle	Barbara
James Delaney	Catherine
William Fuchs	Guest
Ernie Kertzsch	
Doug Ward	Pamala
Clyde Derricott	Guest
John "Stosh" Polovitch	
Charlie Patch	Linda
John Donkus	Kathy
Clarence Spencer	Georgianna
John P. Hendry	Aurelie
Bob Batscher	

The Piper Association Website will be kept up to date as new registrations arrive. See: <http://webpages.charter.net/usspiper/index.html>

LAST CALL USS Piper (SS409) Reunion 2007 August 17—19 Groton, Connecticut

As I reminisce about my days aboard Piper, and the words LAST CALL, I think about word being passed over the 1-MC "Last call to the evening meal in the crew's dinette." If I hadn't yet eaten, I would surely be in the line formed in the After Battery waiting for the word to be passed because I didn't want to miss out on a fine meal prepared by "Mother" Burke.

Shipmates, this is the Last Call. Don't miss out on Reunion 2007. Please complete the registration form and send it in today. Your old friends are looking forward to seeing you again. It will be another three years before we do this again and as Frank said in a previous Commander's Column, "The next one won't be until 2010, and none of us is getting any younger."



<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday 7:00 PM: Welcome Aboard Party	Subvets, Groton
Saturday 7:30-9:00 AM: Breakfast	To be announced
Saturday Noon Lobster Bake	Admiral Fife Rec. Area Stonington, CT
Saturday 7:30 PM: Banquet	Subvets, Groton
Sunday 8:00-9:30AM: Breakfast/Brunch	To be announced
Handouts will be available at the Welcome Aboard Party with directions to Admiral Fife Recreation Area in Stonington, CT where the Lobster Bake will be held.	

2007 Piper Reunion

Groton, CT
17-19 August 2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Registration fee: (#) _____ @ 10 = \$ _____

Schedule and Pricing:

Friday: Welcome Aboard Party (#) _____ @ 15 = \$ _____

Saturday: Breakfast (#) _____ @ 10 = \$ _____

Lobster Bake Steak (#) _____ @ 48 = \$ _____

Lobster (#) _____ @ 48 = \$ _____

Banquet: Buffet & Live Entertainment (#) _____ @ 22 = \$ _____

Sunday: Breakfast/Brunch (#) _____ @ 12 = \$ _____

Raffles: 50/50 Cash Saturday Night (#) _____ @ 5 = \$ _____

Door Prize Friday Night (#) _____ @ 5 = \$ _____

Prizes: Saturday Night (#) _____ @ 10 = \$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed = \$ _____

Early Registration Bonus Prize Entry
If received by 1 May 2007

1 Free Ticket _____

Please make check payable to Piper Association.
Send this form and payment to:

Michael Hubbard
271 Elm Street
New London, CT 06320

Underwater Heroes

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Aug. 9, 1945: Nagasaki, Japan

Under the order of President Harry S. Truman, U.S. forces detonated nuclear forces over Nagasaki, Japan, on Aug. 9, 1945 — three days after nuclear-bombing on the city of Hiroshima.

“We were so close to Nagasaki, they dropped the second bomb and we were told, ‘Go as deep as you can and stay down as long as you can until this thing blows over,’” said Clarkin. “We were probably too close for comfort.”

What are we gonna do with a girl?

As the war in the Pacific approached its end, Clarkin said the Piper’s crew received its orders to enter the Sea of Japan. It was there, he said, that the sub encountered and picked up two Japanese people from a sinking ship. One was thought to be a young girl.

“What are we gonna do with a girl?” was the general question, Clarkin said, because standard prisoner-handling procedures at that time only addressed males.

It was only after setting up a sheet as a tent for her privacy and taking other measures, he said, that the crew realized the girl was, in fact, a young boy.

Later that same day, the crew picked up four more Japanese prisoners, men who were floating at sea on a raft. “These guys didn’t want to come on” board, he said. “They turned their backs, thinking we were going to shoot them.”

As the post-war, idle weeks at sea wore on, Clarkin said the crew didn’t forge friendships with the enemy prisoners — or vice versa — but the men did find in each other some reprieves to the general monotony of life aboard a submarine.

Clarkin said he and one prisoner occasionally took turns writing the same phrases in English and Japanese, respectively, on a Navy-issue handkerchief. The prisoner also drew on it a caricature of a Japanese warrior committing ritual suicide following defeat. That handkerchief was eventually given to the U.S. naval museum in New London, Conn.

‘It was what you did’

Tubbs, who served in New London from 1968 to ’71, didn’t see war action but went out on numerous practice runs and maneuvers. He noted that he and both of his brothers — all Spartansburg natives — were in the service during the same period.

At a time when Vietnam War protests were common and occasionally quite visible, such events had no effect on the Tubbs’ way of thinking. At least for the members of his family, service “was what you did.”

“There wasn’t any question whether you were right or wrong, or what the policy of the United States was or anything else,” he said — it was a simple matter of service to country.

Clarkin agreed, indicating that fighting in the war, for many, came without question. That being said, “none of us actually felt that we were going to survive the war. (Death in battle) just seemed inevitable. ... Every time we went out (on a mission), I said ‘Hey, this is it.’ ”

‘We’re fading away’

Clarkin said that by the war’s end, roughly 3,500 American submarine personnel had been killed in the line of duty, leaving around 7,000 veterans to be discharged from service. He said the last he checked, about 2,000 of those veterans are still living.

“So, we’re fading away. We’re dropping like flies.”

But, he said, looking toward Tubbs, “they’re the ones that are going to keep our legacy alive.”

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Ailing Shipmates

We have received news that the following members are not feeling up to par. Why not take the time to lift their spirits by sending them a card? They would love to hear from an old shipmate!

Jim "Mother" Burke
78 Eagle Drive
Whiting, NJ 08759

Please notify us of the sickness or death of any association member.

Reunion Accommodations

Mike Hubbard has contacted the Manager at the Thames Inn and Marina 860-445-8111 located at 193 Thames Street, Groton (at foot of School Street. 2 short blocks to club). Ask for reunion special rate of \$89.99 plus tax. As of June 5, there were approximately 6 rooms available.

There are several other motels within a short drive of the Subvets clubhouse:

Econo Lodge
425 Bridge Street
Groton, CT
Phone 860-445-6550
(about 1 mile from club)

Quality Inn
404 Bridge Street
Groton, CT
Phone 860-445-8141
(about 1 mile from club)

Hampton Inn
300 Long Hill Road
Groton, CT
Phone 860-405-1585
(about 2 miles from club)

Best Western Olympic Inn
360 Route 12
Groton, CT
Phone 860-445-8000
(About 3 miles from club)

For those of you with internet access, try a Google search on “Groton CT motels” for more info on these and other area motels.

Piper Website Guest Book Entries

3 April, 2006

Some little known American Naval History

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators. However, let it be noted that according to her log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn.

Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February, 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whiskey and 38,600 gallons of stagnant water.

YEAH! -- GO NAVY!!!

Contributed by Gene Jenkins

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Mike, what a fantastic job you are doing on the Piper Report and website.

I believe we pretty much came aboard, qual'd and got kicked off about the same time, right? Some indelible memories of my Navy years from 1959-1970 are all about the Piper and crew & trips to Curacao, Martinique, Bermuda, Halifax, etc. Some of the memories are better than others.

A fantastic sunset at a beach in Martinique is one of my favorites. Arriving in Bermuda when the atmospheric conditions created a stunning pink cloud layer over the water is another.

Squeezing under a Main Motor, back-to-the-bilge, is not.. But then I can't remember what I've had for breakfast most mornings . . .

Al

7 April, 2006

Mike

You have really done a fine job on the web site. Great stories and I remember so many of them.

Thank you

Trigger Burke
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26 April, 2006

Thanks for a great web site. Brings back loads of fine memories of my beginning naval adventures. Many of the fine men and their teachings and experiences prepared me for more adventures on numerous SSN and SSBN patrols

Had great fun on the Med cruise (Monaco was something very special) and also Karachi. I remember being outboard No. 2 engine when we heard about JFK and being very touched that morning at muster with the people on the dock. It would be a lot different today.

Thanks and God Bless to all of you.

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15 May, 2006

Bill (MOE) Mosblech, 1964
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2004 Piper Reunion

John Donkus, Jim King, John "Stosh" Polovitch, Charlie Patch
Photo courtesy of Charlie Patch



USS Piper (SS409)

Tom Bartlett, who was on Piper during 1966-67 sent this beautiful photo of Piper.

Photo courtesy of Tom Bartlett

******* NOTICE *******

With the mailing of the last few newsletters, there has been a fair amount of bounced email and undeliverable mail sent via the US Postal Service. Please check your personal information on the membership page of the website and provide any necessary updates to me:

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Also, if you have been receiving The Piper Report via email and via the US Postal Service and you find that the email version meets your needs, please tell me so and I'll stop sending the paper copy.

If we can save a little money by doing this and if you will send more material for the newsletter, we might be able to send The Piper Report more frequently.

If you're thinking, "I'd like to help, but I don't have anything to contribute." Here are some ideas to help you get started:

Experiences you've had while you served aboard Piper. Whether a long story, "Sea Story" or a short paragraph, anything that you'd think would bring a smile to a shipmate's face would be great.

Was Piper your first boat? When you reported aboard, what were your impressions of the boat? Who helped you get settled? What were your duties? Who did you hang out with? How long were you aboard and where did the boat go? Etc, etc, etc.

When were you aboard Piper? Where did you go after leaving the boat? What are you doing now? Have you kept in touch with any of your former shipmates? Who have you lost track of that you would like to find?

Old photos are great. Send a caption if you can.

Have you recently visited a shipmate? Do you have a photo of the visit? Send a paragraph or more about the visit, or just send a caption for the photo.

What sort of things do you like to read about in the newsletter? Chances are your shipmates enjoy the same thing and they'd like to hear about it from you. So, take a little time to jot something down and send it to me. Bring a smile to a shipmate's face!

Piper Website Guest Book Entries

5 June, 2006

28 August, 2006

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Mike, you are doing a wonderful job with the Web site. I am visiting my daughter and she showed me the site. Her e-mail address is listed above, which anyone can use to contact me.

I am grateful to have the microfilm copy of the three war patrols declassified log, which I shared with Mike. He has posted information on the News page about it.

Does the last surviving WW II veteran of the Piper get the bottle of champagne?

Best Regards,
John

10 June, 2006

Proud to have seen my brother, Arnie, whom I made several dives with unbeknown to the Air Force.

Allen Miliefsky, Lt/Col, USAF, Ret.
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10 June, 2006

Aloha from Hawaii,

I'm the son-in-law of Arnie Miliefsky EN2(SS) who served from 1958 till 1961. Sounds like he had some good times! The sea stories are great!

William Smith,
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Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology
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14 June 2006

The pics brought back some great memories. I'll see if I can get some pics from my slides.

George Bain
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28 July, 2006

Bob Staufenberg EN3 {SS}
USS PIPER 1962 to 1965
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Looking forward to renewing old friendships at the next reunion.

I was on deck for the launch and served on all patrols. Both Captains, Beach and McMahon were the greatest. They called me the kid in those days. I served until my four year term ended. I signed up for the USN Reserve. After one year my two brothers Shanghaied me into the USMC. At boot camp I was promoted to assistant drill instructor because of previous military duty. First assignment was on a Carrier (Navy again) attached to the NATO fleet. Traveled all over the main ports for eight months. On return I became the SGT of the guard at the Jackson Naval Air Station and ran the Burial Detail... I was then transferred to the US State Department with a detachment of Marines.

My requirements were to speak fluently a foreign language and we were sent to Central America to make things safe for American fruit growers. My fluent German had to be changed over night to Spanish. My experience mounted, helping an American Ambassador and three of our choice dictators. It lasted two years and as my tour of duty was to end I was surprised by a message from Headquarters USMC that I must stay in one country for another year in civvies and go to diplomatic functions. At the termination of this extended year I was transferred to headquarters, Marine Corp. now only wearing civilian clothes. I was offered two more years transferred to the diplomatic corp., but only after serving two years in the regular Marine Corp. Having no uniforms and only a vague memory of giving orders to the foot troops in uniform I rebelled and played out my enlistment playing tennis with the officer corp.

I took an Honorable Discharge and became a Service Director at an automobile dealership using my previous Navy experience on the USS 409 Piper. After traveling all over Europe and Africa and most of Latin America with the USMC I was finally able to use the Navy training I grew up with. The shock of my life was that when I left the Marines as SSGT I later heard that the SS409 was still in operation... I often thought of the years that I could have stayed aboard the ship I grew up on.

PS: In the Marines and at a Generals inspection I wore my Submarine Combat Insignia Medal. The general stopped in front of me and asked, SGT, what is that medal you are wearing?

I proudly stiffened up and said, "Sir, that is the US Navy Submarine Combat Insignia. I served four years on the USS PIPER, 409 in world WAR II." The General stepped back and said, "Son, I salute you. I heard a lot about you fellows, welcome to the Marine Corp." I was glad to get a word in for the USS PIPER 409.

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Piper Stuff

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<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>@</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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_____	60th Anniversary Mug		\$18.00	_____
_____	Piper Cap		\$15.00	_____
_____	1999 Reno T-Shirt	_____	\$15.00	_____
	Size: M, XL			
_____	Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	_____	\$32.00	_____
	Size: M(1), L(10), XL(3)			
	Short Sleeve Cotton Golf Shirt			
_____	Red: L, XL	_____	\$25.00	_____
_____	White: L, XL	_____	\$25.00	_____
_____	Navy Blue: L, XL	_____	\$25.00	_____
_____	Forest Green: L, XL	_____	\$25.00	_____
	<u>PATCHES</u>			
_____	13,724 Dives		\$6.00	_____
_____	WWII Jap Flag		\$6.00	_____
_____	White Hat Design		\$6.00	_____

Shipping: _____
 Up to 4 items (a bit more for big items) - \$5.
 Golf shirt - \$2.00 per shirt
 Piper pin - \$1.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to Piper Association
 Mail to Mike Hubbard at the address above

Items may also be seen in the Piper Stuff Catalog, which can be accessed from
 a link on the "Piper Store" page of the Piper Association website:

<http://webpages.charter.net/usspiper/index.html>



Note from Mike & Pat Lally,
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So that we can all be in touch with each other as friends and old shipmates, a Piper Association was formed some years ago by Frank Whitty (old Piper guy). We have reunions and publish an occasional newsletter called the Piper Report. In order for the Association to exist we need to have paying members.

The dues moneys go for paper, ink, postage, etc. This is a considerable expense. A newsletter, The Piper Report, is published once or twice a year (depending on health and work) to bring you up to date on what's happening about future reunions, picnics, etc. It isn't much for \$10.00, but think of how sweet it is.

It sure would be nice to see 100% signed up for the Association. To receive a copy of the newsletter or other correspondence (reunion news, etc. you must be a paid member of the Piper Association.

**USS Piper (SS409) Veteran's Association
 Membership/Renewal Form**

Send form and payment to:

Michael J. Lally
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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Year reported aboard Piper: _____ Year departed Piper: _____
 Highest rank/rating while aboard Piper: _____

_____ Enclosed is my \$10.00 for the year beginning July _____
 _____ Here's another \$10.00 for next year
 _____ Enclosed is my \$100.00 for Life Membership!

Make check payable to Piper Association

Total enclosed: _____ Date: _____

The dues are \$10.00 each year. A year is between 1 July to 30 June or any part of it. Sorry it has to be that way, as we are unable to take care of the books for "parts of a year".

Please consider a Life Membership payment. This would eliminate paying each year and result in less paperwork for us.

Shipmates on Eternal Patrol

Thanks to the work of shipmate Larry Boutelle, IC2(SS) who was aboard Piper from 1953 to 1956, we have a more complete listing of Shipmates on Eternal Patrol on our web site. Larry did research on the crew members that were on board Piper during his tour of duty.

Obituaries, where available, are included in Newspaper Clippings which can be accessed by a link on the News page of the website.

See <http://webpages.charter.net/usspiper/index.html>

An updated list will be included in The Piper Report from time to time.

If you have information of the death of a shipmate that is not on the Eternal Patrol list, please send it to:

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USS Piper (SS409)
Great boat, great crew!



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Material for The Piper Report & Piper Veteran's Assoc. Website

We are always looking for photos, [sea stories](#) and memorabilia to print in the newsletter and put on our website.

Email attachments are welcome, you can send scanned photos and material formatted with software in the Microsoft Office suite. Please provide as much information about the photos as you can.

If you have anything, please send it to me:

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